Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 20751 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 943, as introduced, Williams. Public contracts: local contracts: ports.

Existing law governing contracts for port districts requires that contracts for new construction work exceeding \$10,000, or the purchase of supplies exceeding \$25,000, or projects involving building maintenance and improvements exceeding \$10,000, be let by the board of the port district by competitive bidding, in accordance with specified procedures.

This bill would instead require that all of those types of contracts for port districts be let by the board by competitive bidding if the cost of the contract exceeds an unspecified amount.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 20751 of the Public Contract Code is amended to read:
- 3 20751. Contracts for the doing of new construction work, the
- 4 cost of which exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), \$_
- 5 (\$____) or the purchasing of supplies, the cost of which exceeds

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1 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) \$_____(\$____), or projects 2 involving maintenance of buildings and improvements, the cost 3 of which exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), \$_____(\$____) 4 shall be let by the board upon competitive bidding.

Notice of the proposed letting of contract shall be given by publication pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code in the county in which the district is located, at least five days before the time fixed for opening bids. Bidding shall be by sealed proposals filed with the district, upon forms furnished by it, and under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe. All bids shall be publicly opened and declared under procedures established by the board, and the award of the contract shall be made in open session of the board to the lowest and best responsible bidder.